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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

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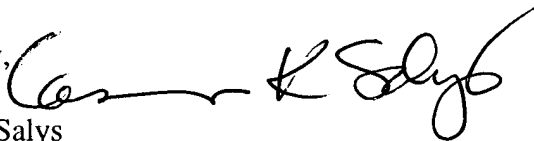
☒ 28 Pages of Specification including an Abstract
☒ 7 Pages of Claims (Claims 1 - 24)
☒ 15 Sheet(s) of Drawings
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney
☒ Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation

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| Total Claims | 24 | -20 = | 4 | X | \$ 18 | = | \$72 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | -3 = | 0 | X | \$ 80 | = | \$0 |
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